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NAVY'S RESOURCES OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT DEVOTED TO SALVING F-4

M. P. ROBINSON ENDS HIS LIFE IN DEEP DISTRESS

Note Left to Sons Shows Acute
Insomnia Had Driven Him
to Deed

ADMIRED AND RESPECTED,
HIS DEATH GENERAL SHOCK

Long Life of Business Achieve-
ment Had Also Been Filled
With Usefulness and Quiet
Benevolence—His Home
Happy and Leisure Hours
Spent Amid Beloved Books

Leaving a brief note to his sons
clearly indicating that suffering from
acute insomnia had temporarily de-
ranged his mind, Mark P. Robinson,
one of the best-known bankers and
capitalists in the territory, took his
own life at an early hour this morn-
ing at his residence, 2211 Nuuanu
avenue.

After losing rest and sleep for
weeks, he left the house sometime
before 5 o'clock this morning and
walked a few steps into the rear lot. There,
under the spreading branches of a
large bread-fruit tree 100 feet from
the house, he shot himself with a 22-
caliber Colt's revolver. The bullet
passed into his left breast directly un-
der the heart. The single shot was
sufficient.

When members of the family came
downstairs a short time later, they
found a short note pencilled on a
sheet of yellow paper, addressed to
the three sons and notifying them
where his body was to be found.
Hurry into the rear lot, they found
their father lying under the tree with
life extinct. A physician was called
but could do nothing.

The note says in effect that from
lack of rest and sleep he was im-
pelled to end his life and that his reason
could no longer withstand the ravages
of insomnia. His only request in the
note is that his body shall be cremated
as soon as possible and the ashes
buried under the tree where the body
was lying.

Seated in his spacious library, sur-
rounded by thousands of books which
represented probably the most valuable
collection in the Hawaiian Islands,
Mr. Robinson talked with his sons be-
tween 10 and 11 o'clock last night. He
complained of suffering from lack of
sleep, but gave them no intimation of
an intention to end his life. He had
returned from business late yesterday
afternoon and left the house for the
city early in the evening saying that
he intended to attend a meeting of
the Masonic lodge to which he be-
longed, Hawaiian Lodge No. 21.

At the lodge meeting, one feature of
which was a dinner, he appeared to
be perfectly well and his intimate
friends saw no indication to alarm
them.

He concluded at lodge meeting some
hours, reaching the home on Nuuanu
avenue a little after 10 o'clock. The
sons, J. L. P., Marcus R. and Allen C.
Robinson were home at that time.
They were invited to come into the
large library that adjoins the sleep-
ing apartment of Mr. Robinson. Father
and sons sat there for some min-
utes discussing topics of the day. At
no time did the parent give out the
slightest hint of his intention to take
his life.

Needed Rest and Sleep.

It was said this morning that Mr.
Robinson had been ailing for a num-
ber of months. He had complained
of feeling the effects of a loss of rest
and sleep. The trouble, however, did
not prevent him from taking an active
part in affairs connected with his ex-
tensive business interests.

"We had repeatedly urged that
father take a vacation and seek rest
and recreation," said a member of the
family today. "He always said that
he did not want to leave his affairs
without personal supervision."

Members of the family can account
in no other way for the act of their
father than that it was due to acute
insomnia. Business troubles and wor-
ries were never brought into the fam-
ily circle, they say, and in any event
his business career has been notably
successful.

Happy Home Life.

He loved his home and his books.
Much of his time when away from
business was spent in his library. His
home life has always been said to be
peaceful and happy.

Born in the Islands in 1852, Mr.
Robinson has continuously resided
here. He accumulated valuable hold-
ings in a number of big business in-
terests. In addition to being first
vice-president of the National Bank
of Hawaii, he was also vice-president
of Oahu Sugar Company and was
heavily interested in Walluku Sugar
Company and other sugar-producing
enterprises. He was prominently iden-
tified with the Oahu Railway & Land
Company. He was one of the original
founders of the lumber importing firm
of J. W. & Robinson.

He had a long and honorable record
in the local Masonic Hawaiian Blue
Lodge No. 21, of which he was a trustee.

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BANKER WHOSE DEATH SHOCKS COMMUNITY



Mark P. Robinson

SUGAR WORKERS IN PORTO RICO STRIKE ON WAGES

Large Canefields Burn But
Production May Not Be Les-
ened—Negotiations For
Adjustment of Trouble Pro-
ceed Satisfactorily

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 2.—The
chief of the Porto Rican labor bureau
reports that 40,000 native sugar work-
ers in Porto Rico are striking for an
increase in wages from 50 to 75 cents
per day. Adjustment of the difficul-
ties is proceeding satisfactorily, he
says.

Large cane fields have been burned
but he reports that an increased pro-
duction is offsetting the losses due to
strike.

STEAMSHIP MEN OF ATLANTIC ASK WAGE INCREASES

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 2.—Offi-
cials of all steamship lines operating
here are considering a request for an
increase of pay for deck officers on the
steamers. The Neptune Association of
Masters and Mates, in presenting its
demands for an increase, has fixed
May 1 as the maximum time for an
answer.

For masters \$250 a month is asked,
for chiefs \$125, second mate \$100,
third and others \$90. The last in-
crease was eight years ago.

MILITARY SCHOOL BOYS MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM COMPULSORY TRAINING

Exemption of students of Kameha-
meia and other military schools from
service in either the national guard
or the training reserves is offered in
an amendment to the Holstein com-
pulsory military education bill, sub-
mitted to the house of representatives by
the military committee today. Silva
did not concur in the report.

Contrary to expectations, the com-
mittee did not recommend that the age
limit of 18 years be changed to a two-
year period from 13 to 15 years of
age. The bill, as amended, will come
up for third reading by special order
Tuesday. The latest amendment is
as follows:

"Delete the period at the end of sec-
tion one, and insert a semi-colon and
then add the following:

"Provided, however, that upon sat-
isfactory showing being made to the
governor, or to such officer as he may
designate, that any youth who is sub-
ject to the provisions of this act, has
at some institution of learning where
military instruction is given, received
after his 16th year of age, the instruc-
tion provided for, such youth shall be
certified as having complied with the
provisions of this act."

A masked highwayman held up two
paymasters of the store quarries near
Mitchell, Ind., and escaped with \$2000.

FOR RENT OR LEASE APRIL 30

Second story of building, Merchant
and Alakea; offices, single or en
suite; large hall, store on Alakea
street.

H. E. HENDRICK.

A. S. Humphreys Only Signor to Carter Protest

Cablegram to Star-Bulletin
Says He Is Man Who Sent
Criticism

The Star-Bulletin yesterday cabled
to its correspondent in Washington
asking him to secure and cable back
the names of those signing the pro-
test to the war department against
General W. H. Carter.

Today the Washington correspond-
ent of this paper cabled as follows:
"A. S. Humphreys only signor pro-
test."

The protest criticized General Car-
ter for addressing the lower house
of the legislature upon the compul-
sory military education bill before the
house. The cablegram carrying the
protest, as made public, commented
upon General Carter's address as "ob-
vious impropriety," and asked that
action be taken Secretary of War
Carter.

NOTED CAPTAIN OF MISSIONARY SHIP DIES HERE

Isaiah Bray, Long Skipper of
the Morning Star, Passes
Away at Home

Captain Isaiah Bray, one of the
best-known mariners on the Pacific
for thirty years, for many of those
years skipper of the noted mission-
ary ship Morning Star, died at his
home in Kaimuki shortly after 2
o'clock this morning.

Death was due to cancer of the
stomach, and his age 70 years, pre-
vented any chance for recovery.

Captain Bray led a life of vivid in-
terest and of close connection with
the missionary work on the Pacific.
Thirty-seven years ago yesterday he
left Boston, his native city, to come
out to the Pacific as captain of the
Morning Star, one of the several brig-
and steam schooners of that name
which carried missionaries and mis-
sion supplies into many little-known
groups of islands in the South Seas.

At one time Capt. Bray went to Ec-
ton and raised part of the money to
build a new Morning Star, bringing
her around the Horn.

A number of years ago he retired
from the sea, taking charge of the
Sailors' Home here. After that he
was captain of the quarantine launch
and for some time made his head-
quarters on Quarantine Island. He
was also connected with the W. M. C.
A. in its early days being its first
general secretary.

Surviving the noted mariner are a
widow, an unmarried daughter, Miss
Carrie Bray, who lives at the family
home; and a married sister in Boston,
Mrs. Charles Hamilton.

Dr. Seuder will officiate at the
funeral services tomorrow to be held
at 3 o'clock at Central Union
parish house. Arrangements for the
burial were not announced today.

CITY DADS NOT BEHIND MEASURE CURBING AUTOS

"It is a mistake to think that the
present city administration is behind
the proposed automobile measure to
be introduced in the legislature," de-
clared Supervisor Horner this morn-
ing.

"I discovered in the Advertiser this
morning that we are credited with
opposing this measure. As a matter
of fact we have had nothing to do
with it; it was gotten up by the auto-
mobile association."

"There is nothing new in this pro-
posed measure over what we have in
our ordinances today. And these or-
dinances are all right and quite suf-
ficient, except for a few little amend-
ments which should be made; and
these amendments we are making now."

"One of these amendments will be
to make drivers of motors come to a
full stop when overtaking or meeting
a street car which has paused to let
on or discharge passengers. Another
will make the requirement for dim-
med lights stricter, and still another
will require every officer to carry a
note book in which to record any vi-
olations of the traffic ordinance he
sees. Probably there will be one or
two other amendments, too; but these
are the main ones."

"I don't feel that a statute such as
this proposed is necessary here."

SUBMARINE WAR BY GERMANY ON SHIPS GOES ON

Under-sea Terrors Operate Far
From Bases and Strike
Suddenly and Hard

LAND BATTLES TODAY
UNUSUALLY BITTER

But the British Discussion of
Booze Traffic Overshadows
Great Conflict

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
LONDON, Eng., April 2.—The Ger-
man submarine U-10 has sunk three
Tyne trawling boats near Newcastle.
A Norwegian bark has been torped-
ed in the North Sea by the German
submarine U-20.
All of the crews of these vessels
were saved.

LAND BATTLES HEAVY

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—Heavy
fighting is taking place in Eastern
France and in Poland.

U-28 FAR FROM BASE

LISBON, Portugal, April 2.—The
German submarine U-28 is operating
on the Spanish coast, 700 miles from
its base. It has torpedoed the South-
point.

ALLIES AVIATORS RAID

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—Raids
made by the Allied aviators upon Ger-
man cities have resulted in consider-
able damage. Baden was raided, Mul-
heim much damaged, and Koenigs-
brunn somewhat damaged by the bombs.

TURKISH STORY DENIED

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—Both the
Turkish and Russian ambassadors at
Rome repudiate the story that Turkey
is asking the Allies for a separate
peace with Russia.

FIGHTING IN MOUNTAINS

BERLIN, Germany, April 2.—The of-
ficial bulletin today describes the
fighting in the Carpathians, between
the Russians and the Austro-German
forces as unusually bitter.

GERMAN PROTEST PUBLIC

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—The Ger-
man protest because of the alleged
treatment England is giving officers
and crews captured from German sub-
marines has been made public here.
It contains also threats of reprisal.
The documents were transmitted
through the United States and are
published with the British reply.

BOOZE BRITISH TOPIC

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—The focus
of British public discussion and opin-
ion now is upon the question of absten-
ence from liquor during the period of
the war. At present this overshadow
every other phase of the conflict. Prac-
tically governmental action seems certain.
The public is divided between total
abstinence, and rigid restriction of the
traffic.

AUTO BUS BACKERS FILE
INCORPORATION PAPERS

Articles of association have been
filed at the territorial treasurer's of-
fice for the Hawaiian Transportation
Company, the organization which re-
cently brought two big auto trucks
from Portland and is now engaged in
handling passenger traffic from Hon-
olulu to Watertown and Schofield Bar-
racks. The concern is capitalized at
\$35,000, divided into 350 shares of the
par value of \$100 each. Subscribers
have taken 283 shares. The officers
are D. B. McGuffee, president; Al-
bert McGuffee, vice-president; W. J.
Robinson, secretary; Jacob N. W.
Nelson, treasurer; and Harry A.
Knell, auditor.

A large variety of deficiencies will
be on sale tomorrow morning at 9
o'clock at the sale held by the ladies
of the Epiphany Guild. In addition
to the eatables, the ladies have made
quite a stock of pretty kitchen aprons
for sale, and everything will be at
reasonable prices. The sale takes
place in the Progress block on Fort
street below Beretania.

It may have its advantages to other
islands, but in Honolulu our ordinan-
ces are quite sufficient.

"And anyway, I feel we should not
be blamed for what others are doing.
It is said we are throwing open the
doors for drunken drivers and joy
riders, while as a matter of fact we
have had nothing to do with it. If
there is any blame or credit for this
proposed measure it should go to the
automobile association."

NAVY'S DIVING EXPERTS COMING SEARCH FOR F-4 IN TUBE TODAY

Record-Holder Says
He'll Dare Death to
Reach Bottom

Actual salvage work on the
sunken submarine F-4 is at a
standstill, awaiting the com-
pletion of the 600-ton scows
which are to be used as lifting
 pontoons, and the collecting of
wrecking gear from all parts
of the territory, but observa-
tion work is being carried on
today.

Hovering over the spot
where the water-logged vessel
rests on the sea floor, is the
dredge California, rigged to
handle the big diving tube in
which experts will visit the
ocean depths to direct the work
of salvage. Yesterday after-
noon Civil Engineer Burrell
and Chief Gunner's Mate Jack
Agraz made a short trip to the
bottom of the harbor in shal-
low water, to test out the appa-
ratus, but today the real util-
ity of the tube is being shown.

At 7 o'clock this morning
the tug Navajo left the water-
front with a 5½-ton diving
tube lashed to her stern, and
all morning the California's
crew was making ready to
lower the tube and its occu-
pant. Civil Engineer Parks
was determined to test the tube
at an excess depth to that in
which it will work, and it was
necessary to tow the dredge
some distance seaward to get
more than 300 feet of water for
the trial trip.

It took considerable maneu-
vering to get the California di-
rectly over the buoy which now
marks the supposed location
of the submarine, and what
with handling the heavy gear
in deep water, and making
sure of the largest margin of
safety possible, the greater
part of the day was taken up
in preparation.

The lighting contrivance
with which it is hoped the
ocean depths in the vicinity of
the F-4 will be illuminated,
consists of a cluster of four
lights, encased in heavy glass
capable of withstanding the
pressure, and giving a light of
6400 candle power. In addi-
tion to this big cluster, lights
will be lowered from each end
of the dredge, each with some
distinguishing mark, in order
that the man in the tube may
orient himself, in case the tube
swings round on the downward
journey.

At Pearl Harbor, Naval Con-
structor J. A. Furer has a large
force of men at work fitting up
the big mud scows that will be
used as lifting pontoons. It is
necessary to strengthen and
brace these scows, fit in shafts
capable of taking up the slack
cable, and with donkey engine
to run the drums. Although
the scows will carry donkey
engine boilers, they will not
depend on this steam entirely,
additional power being avail-
able from the dredge. The
navy men in charge of the
work must figure on the swell
that may be running while sal-
vage is in progress, and it is
necessary to brace the barges
to stand the terrible strain that
may be localized upon them.

CHAMPION DIVER
WILL TRY TO REACH
F-4 IN LATEST SUIT



S. J. Drellishak, holder of the
world's record for deep-sea diving,
in the improved suit which he
will use on the F-4 salvage job.
In the top picture Drellishak is
shown climbing down into the sea
from the U. S. S. Walke, off Race
Point Light, Connecticut, on No-
vember 3 of last year. In the pic-
ture below he is shown after es-
tablishing the record mark of 275
feet. The suit is inflated with
compressed air when the diver
goes to extreme depths.

INSURANCE HEARING IS
SET FOR TUESDAY NIGHT

Representative Norman Watkins,
chairman of the house committee on
finance, announced today that the
meeting of the committee on House
Bill No. 36, relating to fire insurance
and insurance rates, has been pos-
tponed from tonight until next Tues-
day night, April 6, at 7:30 in the hall
of representatives.

"The Printers' and Publishers Asso-
ciation of Manhattan was incorporated
at Albany with \$2,000,000 capital."

The Russian government prohibited
the export, without a special permit,
of any article of forage or food.

A charter was granted at Dover,
Del., to the Locomotive Pulverized
Fuel Co., capital stock, \$5,000,000.

The Virginia legislature appropri-
ated \$100,000 to fight the foot and
mouth disease.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR F-4 POSTPONED

Announcement was made today
by the Chamber of Commerce
that the public memorial service
scheduled for Sunday, April 11,
has been postponed until Sunday
afternoon, April 18. It was
thought advisable, at a meeting
of the chamber's committee on
territorial affairs and Admiral
Moore, to hold the memorial on
a later date.

Deep-Water Observing
Apparatus Sent Down
This Afternoon

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr.
2.—Five of the navy's most
expert divers are expected to
arrive in San Francisco on
Monday to board the cruiser
Maryland for Honolulu.

Secretary Daniels declares
the divers are sure they can
work in 300 feet of water. He
says also that the navy depart-
ment has not been informed
that the F-4's engines or bat-
teries were out of condition.

HE'LL RISK A COFFIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.,
April 2.—S. J. Drellishak,
world's champion diver, will
go to the bottom of the sea
after the lost F-4 in his im-
proved diving-suit if it endan-
gers his life.

Drellishak, now on his way
here from New York to go to
Honolulu, says:

"I may return from my dive
in a wooden kimono, but I'll
stick it out to the end."

WILL PREVENT REACTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.,
April 2.—The five divers who
are hurrying to San Francisco
to take the cruiser Maryland
for Honolulu are Gunner's
Mates G. D. Stillson, Frank
Crilly, F. C. Nielson, S. J. Dre-
lishak and W. F. Loughman.
Among the equipment to be
taken to Honolulu is an air
lock in which to place the men
after their return to the sur-
face, thus preventing the re-
action from the great pressure
of extreme depths, which
causes the "bends" and other
temporary physical ills.

Stillson says:

"While 50 fathoms is ex-
ceedingly deep for operations
on the submarine, I feel con-
fident that the men are equal to
the task."

F-4 RELIEF FUND GROWING FAST; JAPANESE ASSIST

Nipponese Residents Hold Big
Meeting and Vote to Open
List—Navy Relief Society,
Honolulu Ad Club and News-
papers Receiving Contribu-
tions—Star-Bulletin's List
Begins With "A Friend"

A Friend \$3.00

That simple contribution today open-
ed the Star-Bulletin's list for the relief
of those left dependent and needy by
the F-4 disaster. Among the men and
women of the various departments of
this paper a subscription list has also
been started and is being generally
signed. The amount will be announced
later.

Sympathy for the families of the
men who were in the F-4 on its last
dive, is widespread in Honolulu, and
is not confined by any means to words
of condolence. From half a dozen
sources came action to raise funds
for these left behind and indications
are that a big drive will be raised
to be expended where it is most
needed.

The men of the F-4 have not even
been declared officially dead by the